

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("-----") or brackets ("[[]])", as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

establishing a closed-loop communication link between an automated shipping device and the designer location ~~and the print service provider location~~;

creating a ~~press-ready~~ high performance file at the designer location that comprises both a print job to be printed by the print service provider location and a job ticket that contains shipping instructions;

using the designer location receiving updated device configuration information received from the print service provider location automated shipping device via said closed-loop communication link, said updated device configuration information comprising information about installed features and capabilities of the automated shipping device;

automatically verifying at the designer location that the automated shipping device is capable of shipping as per said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket;

the designer location submitting said ~~press ready~~ high performance file to the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link; and

the print service provider location printing said print job to generate a printed output; and

the automated shipping device receiving a printed output of said ~~press ready~~ file said printed output and shipping said printed output ~~using an automated shipping device in accordance with said shipping instructions.~~

2. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said automated shipping device is a Design to Ship enabled device and forms part of ~~said closed loop communication link.~~

3. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 2, wherein said automated shipping device is assigned a unique identifier.

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 2, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of automatically verifying~~[[,]]~~ at said print service provider location~~[[,]]~~ that said ~~press ready file~~ printed output will be produced at said print service provider designed at the designer location shipped as indicated by said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket and, if not, correcting said ~~press ready file~~ job ticket to ensure production substantially as designed.

5. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium that stores a program product for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said product comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to perform the following method steps:

establishing a closed-loop communication link between an automated shipping device and the designer location and the print service provider location;

creating a press-ready high performance file at the designer location that comprises both a print job to be printed by the print service provider location and a job ticket that contains shipping instructions;

using receiving updated device configuration information at the designer location received from the print service provider location automated shipping device location via said closed-loop communication link, said updated device configuration information comprising information about installed features and capabilities of the automated shipping device;

automatically verifying at the designer location that the automated shipping device is capable of shipping as per said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket;

submitting said press-ready high performance file from the designer location to the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link; and

printing said print job to generate a printed output at the print service provider location; and

receiving a ~~printed output of said press ready file~~ said printed output with the automated shipping device and shipping said printed output using an ~~automated shipping device in accordance with said shipping instructions~~.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 5, wherein said automated shipping device is a Design to Ship enabled device and ~~forms part of said closed loop communication link~~.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 6, wherein said automated shipping device is assigned a unique identifier.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 6, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of automatically verifying[[,]] at said print service provider location[[,]] that said ~~press ready file printed output~~ will be produced at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location shipped as indicated by said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket and, if not, correcting said ~~press ready file job ticket~~ to ensure production substantially as designed.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, further comprising the designer location generating the shipping instructions.

12. (New) A method of managing workflow according to claim 11, wherein generating said shipping instructions comprises the designer location generating instructions in a machine format for the automated shipping device and a human format for an operator of the automated shipping device.

13. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 5, further comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to generate the shipping instructions at the designer location.

14. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 13, further comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to generate at the designer location instructions in both a machine format for the automated shipping device and a human format for an operator of the automated shipping device.